

# **Arizona State Board of Acupuncture Examiners**

## **REGULAR MEETING**

**October 27, 2004**

### **Board Members Present:**

Deborah Malone, L.Ac. Chairman  
Martha Grout, M.D., Secretary  
Dana Price, L. Ac. Professional Member  
Joan Heskett, Public Member  
Yong Deng, L.Ac. Professional Member  
Della Estrada, L.Ac. Professional Member

### **Board Members Absent:**

Don Nichols, Public Member  
Cesar Quintana, Professional Member

### **Attorney General Representative:**

Dawn Lee, Assistant Attorney General

### **Administrative Staff:**

Allen Imig, Executive Director

### **I. Call To Order**

Chairman Malone called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

### **II. Board Meeting Minutes – Review, Discussion and Action**

Dr. Grout made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of September 22, 2004. Ms. Price seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 – 0 with Ms. Heskett abstaining.

Chairman Malone made a motion to approve the legislative committee minutes of September 24, 2004. Dr. Grout seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 5 – 0.

Dr. Deng arrived at 1:05 p.m.

### **III. Complaints/Investigations – Review, Discussion and Action**

The Board reviewed the anonymous complaint, 2005-002 (UP) involving the allegations that Gegorgina Abrams practice acupuncture, without being licensed, on the office manager at Rehabilitation Chiropractic. In a written response both Ms. Abrams and the

office manager denied the allegations. There was no evidence to substantiate the allegations.

Chairman Malone made a motion to dismiss the complaint base on the fact it was unsubstantiated. Dr. Grout seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

**IV. Consideration of Candidates for Licensure and Certification – Review, Discussion and Action**

Chairman Malone made a motion to approve all the applicants for acupuncture licensure that included: Patricia A. Elias, Lara Beneshan, Kiera Lane, Cheryl L. Wright, Annie Meigs, Leslie Shapero, Allen E. Sherman and Heather L. Vandeburg. Dr. Grout seconded the motion. During the discussion, Dr. Deng disclosed that Allen Sherman was a patient of his and that he showed no bias in this matter. The motion passed unanimously, 6 – 0.

Dr. Grout made a motion to approve all the applicants for auricular certification that included: Josephine Salazar. Ms. Heskett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 6 – 0.

**V. Consideration of Continuing Education Course Approval – Review, Discussion and Action.**

The Board reviewed the application of continuing education by Asian Pacific Community in Action, submitted by Dr. Hsu, M.D., called, “Hepatitis B, the Silent Killer”. Ms. Price made a motion to approve the continuing education course and Dr. Grout seconded the motion. After further review and discussion the Board determined the material submitted was missing the course evaluation that is required. Ms. Price rescinded her motion and Dr. Grout rescinded her second to the motion. Chairman Malone then made a motion to table this matter and directed the Executive Director to contact Dr. Hsu to submit the course evaluation for the Board to review. Once received then arrange a telephone conference Board meeting to approve the continuing education course. Dr. Grout seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 6 – 0.

**VI. Professional Business – Review, Discussion and Action.**

The Board was informed the Governor has appointed Toni Karnas as the new public member.

**VII. Executive Director Report**

The Executive Director reported on the revenue and expenditure report.

The Executive Director discussed with the Board the problems involving the State Boards Office and services provided by them. They were informed that nothing has been

finalized as to how the State Boards Office will reduce costs to our Board, as other Board's pull out and do not utilize their services.

The Executive Director and Chairman Malone reported to the Board regarding the FRAOMA meeting in Las Vegas.

#### **VIII. Future Agenda Items**

Auricular acupuncture certification and the law.

Further report on the FRAOMA meeting in Las Vegas.

Report from the legislative committee.

Qualification issue on licensure, ARS 32-3924 (1).

#### **IX. Future Meeting Dates**

The next scheduled meeting is for November 17, 2004, at 1:30 p.m. in conference room 280. The December meeting will be on the 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. in conference room 280.

#### **X. Call to the Public**

There was none.

#### **XIV. Adjournment**

Dr. Grout made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Malone seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 6 – 0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allen Imig  
Executive Director